



Michigan's AmeriCorps Week Project Descriptions

LOCATION	DATE(S)	TIME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	POINT OF CONTACT
Grand Rapids, MI	Friday and Saturday, May 20-21	Begins at 12:30pm on May 20 th and ends at 4:30pm on May 21 st	<p>The Russ Mawby Signature Service Project has been designated as the closing event for Michigan's 2011 AmeriCorps Week. More than 350 Michigan's AmeriCorps members from across the state will come together in Grand Rapids for this event. AmeriCorps members will assist with various community projects and work with several organizations to make a significant impact on the Grand Rapids community. Each year, the Russ Mawby Signature Service Project brings hundreds of AmeriCorps members to one Michigan community for two days of training, teambuilding, and service. By the end of the second day, several projects are completed, visibly demonstrating the power of Michigan's AmeriCorps members in action. The 2011 project is a partnership with the Michigan Community Service Commission, Friends of Grand Rapids Parks, Habitat for Humanity of Kent County, American Red Cross of Greater Grand Rapids, and Elemental Media.</p> <p>As part of the 2011 Russ Mawby Signature Service project, an on-site book drive will occur at various service project sites on May 20 and 21. All collected books will be donated to the Heart of West Michigan United Way Schools of Hope program.</p>	Michelle Mackie, MCSC (517) 241-3606 metzmakerm1@michigan.gov
Manistique, MI (Upper Peninsula)	Friday and Saturday, May 13-14		<p>AmeriCorps members serving across Michigan's Upper Peninsula will join together in one collective effort on May 13-14. Working in conjunction with the City of Manistique and several local civic groups, AmeriCorps members will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Putting a new coat of stain on the City of Manistique's Lighthouse Clubhouse playground and cleaning up around the park • Building new flower boxes for a community beautification project known as "Project Petunia" • Doing yard work at Habitat for Humanity HiawathaLand and an adjoining city park. 	Heather Blount, AmeriCorps Member Habitat for Humanity HiawathaLand 906-341-7437 habitatamericorps@centurytel.net

Detroit, MI	Monday, May 16 th	9:00am- 4:00pm	<p>The 5th annual Metro-Detroit AmeriCorps Celebration brings together all members serving in the Metro Detroit region for a day of service. This year's project will showcase the power of AmeriCorps members and alums through service projects in the Brightmore Community of Detroit. Specifically, members will clean up Hope Park and completely rehabilitate Riordan Park (sponsored by Lear Corporation). Projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal and replacement of playground equipment • Removal and replacement of fencing • Cleaning and raking of park, horseshoe pits, baseball diamond, general clean up • Removal of trash and bulk items • Replace basketball nets and backboards • Rake, shovel and remove misc debris/yard waste/trimming of tree branches In addition, members will also be providing the following service: • Boarding up of 5 abandoned homes in the Brighmore Community along the Lyndon Greenway • Bulk trash removal along Lyndon Greenway (7 blocks will be targeted-5 dumpsters will be provided) • Cleaning/planting and debris removal of Spirit Park • Demolition of a burnt home (Motor City Blight Busters) <p>This project is will support up to 300 AmeriCorps members/alumni and community members.</p>	<p>Joe Spain, Program Director Downriver CARES AmeriCorps ispain@iamtgc.net (734) 785-7705 ext. 7209</p> <p><i>Other programs involved: City Year Detroit, LISC, Jumpstart Michigan, Michigan AmeriCorps Partnership, Inner-City Neighborhood Project, Hands on Network through United Way of Southeastern MI, the readetroit Corps (CIS Detroit), Michigan Foreclosure Prevention Corps, Detroit Youth Energy Squad, AmeriCorps Urban Safety Project</i></p>
Lansing, MI	Saturday, May 14 th	9:00 am- 5:00 pm	<p>AmeriCorps members have challenged Greater Lansing area residents to step up on May 14th and show their pride in Lansing on this community-wide day of service. Adopt your own place, or volunteer to help at one of our community clean-up locations. For 18 years, volunteers have participated in the annual clean-up effort. Join in this year's expanded event to adopt Greater Lansing, and help make our "place" even better! There are many options available, including Adopt-a-River, cleaning up the Northern Tier Trails, or revitalizing a shopping center in south Lansing. Visit the Locations page to learn more about all of the ways you can help make Lansing beautiful!</p>	<p>Andrea Villanueva, AmeriCorps Member 989-227-6458 villan17@msu.edu</p>
Lansing, MI	Saturday, May 14 th	11:00am- 5:00pm	<p>The Disaster Awareness Peoples Symposium (DAPS) will be a way for community members of Lansing and its surrounding areas</p>	<p>Julio Montemayor, Preparedness Education</p>

			to not only realize, but utilize the many wonderful resources that are already available to them! DAPS will have break-out sessions/workshops covering a wide range of topics within preparedness from understanding terrorism with representatives from Michigan State Police, to understanding new forms of communication used by emergency professionals like CodeRed and Nixle. This is a FREE event for the community, so save the date for May 14th and be ready to have a better understanding of what being prepared truly means!	Coordinator American Red Cross 517-484-7461 Ext:156 daps2011@gmail.com
Jackson, MI	Friday, May 13 th	12 - 4:00pm OR 2 - 6:00pm	Members and volunteers will be readying the soil for planting at Partnership Park Gardens at the corner of W. Biddle St. and S. Mechanic or Greenwood Ave. and W. Wilkins St.	Rebecca Calkins, AmeriCorps Member Big Brothers Big Sisters 517-784-7181 rcalkins@bbbsjackson.org
Grand Rapids, MI	Tuesday, May 17 th	9:00am- 1:00pm	Camp Fire USA AmeriCorps members, along with members from other local AmeriCorps programs, will assist the participants at Region 1 Transition Services (R1TS) in Cedar Springs with landscaping, ground maintenance, painting, and in their resale store. They will also provide assistance in their greenhouse to plan a vegetable garden. R1TS services are transition-specific programs for young adult students who have special needs and living within the Region 1, Kent County School Districts. Centers work to empower and motivate young adults to realize their capabilities, dreams, and potential.	Megan Hunter, AmeriCorps Member Camp Fire USA 616-949-2500 x 24 megan.hunter@campfireusawmc.org
Clarkston, MI	Tuesday, May 17 th	8:00am- 4:00pm	Two AmeriCorps*VISTAs and an AmeriCorps*State member will lead a workshop as part of Springfield Plains Elementary School's "Together We Can Change The World" Festival Day. The three members will teach the 500+ students about service through a hands-on service activity, swearing the students in as "AmeriCorps mini-members," and charging them to complete 3 random acts of kindness for the day.	Kathleen Egan, AmeriCorps Member Michigan Community Service Commission 517-335-6585 egank@michigan.gov
Clinton Township, MI	Monday, May 29 th	10:00am	We have a lot that is a community garden and a perennial plant holding garden across the street. We will be moving the plant into the community garden and constructing a rain barrel system to collect water for watering and maintaining the garden.	Jean Bodenstedt, AmeriCorps Member Macomb County Habitat for Humanity 586-263-1540 jbodenstedt@macombhabitat.org